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LOW FOOD PRODUCTION YIELD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI) has pointed out that the food production yield is likely to be extremely low in forthcoming 20 years; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No, Sir. Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI) has not pointed out that the food production yield is likely to be extremely low in forthcoming 20 years. However, a paper based on research work conducted at the Institute in partial fulfilment of Ph.D programme, by Dr. S. Ravichandran appeared in the journal. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, India (Vol. 72, B(I), pages 37-46, 2002), which projected India`s food production to be lower than the estimates of earlier researchers. This basically being a study on modelling needs further validation.

(b) The question does not arise.